

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar..... Ex 1-4..... Compassionate Action
- 2) 14 Mar..... Ex 5-10..... Divine Purpose
- 3) 21 Mar..... Ex 11-13..... Amazing Deliverance
- 4) 28 Mar..... Ex 13-15..... Persevering Faith
- 5) 04 Apr..... Luke 24..... Easter Sunday
- 6) 11 Apr..... Ex 15-18..... **Tested Devotion**
- 7) 18 Apr..... Ex 19-24..... What Are Your Ground Rules
- 8) 25 Apr..... Ex 25-31..... Why do You Worship?
- 9) 02 May..... Ex 32-34..... What If You Falter?
- 10) 09 May..... Ex 35-40..... How Do You Contribute?
- 11) 16 May..... Lev 1-16..... Do Right When You Do Wrong
- 12) 23 May..... Lev 17-22..... Stay Away from Perverted Practices
- 13) 30 May..... Lev 23-27..... Show Others Godly Grace

INTRODUCTION

- Moses had 80 years of training (40 in Egypt and 40 as a shepherd) to lead the Israelites to the promised land, and it still seemed it wasn't enough time
- God used miracles, providence and on-the-job-training to move the Israelites one day at a time – plus a lot of godly PATIENCE

Passage	Comments
Exodus 15	<p>The Song of Moses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v3 – God is called a warrior, literally “a man of battle” • King David says that God taught his hands to war and his fingers to fight..... Ps 18:34; 144:1 • v20 – First incidence of Dancing <p>First Water Purifier</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial #2 – No water after 3 days - God had Moses cast a tree into the waters of Marah to turn it from bitter to sweet • v22 – Provisions are gone after walking 3 days into the “wilderness”, no nearby McDonalds to feed 3M, the only water hole is polluted – so what do the impatient grumblers do? <u>Grumble</u> • v25 – Moses prays or “cries out “ to the Lord <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ It’s a good thing Moses’ prayer is not recorded for us, cause many people would use it as a magical formula ◆ Prayers are meant to be personal chats with God our Father and not recited formulas ◆ ...and the Lord “showed” Moses a tree to sweeten the waters (how the tree sweeten the waters is unknown) - The Lord possibly showed Moses the tree by the Lord’s physical presence either through the Holy Spirit or a Christophany Ex 14:19; 23:20,21; Act 7:38
Exodus 16	<p>Manna, Meat and the Sabbath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2 – More grumbling on day 45 over not having any meat (How soon the former slaves forgot the misery they were in while in Egypt) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Manna (“what is it”) is provided for 40 years ◆ Another 40-year miracle is their clothes and sandals never wore out..... Deut 8:4 • v12 – Quails were provided twice, here (without a curse) & in Num 11:31 with a curse • vv22-30 – The Sabbath was for the Jews, a covenant between them and God.... Ex 31:14-17

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Exodus 17	<p>More Grumbling for not having WATER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When is grumbling or making complaints over a bad situation OK? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recall Ezra 9 where the people rightly complained about their leaders marrying foreign wives and incurring more of God’s wrath instead of His blessings on the nation ◆ We need to contend with the wicked, not with God.....Prov 28:4 ◆ Even righteous Job got chastised by God for complaining against Him.....Job 38, 39 <p>God Ultimately Fights for His People, but His People Die in Battles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv8-16 – As long as Moses was able to keep his hands up, Joshua prevailed in battle over the Amalekites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Principle of “Shared Responsibilities” in the ministry. We need others to work with us
Exodus 18	<p>Moses is Open to Sound Advise from Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God didn’t tell Moses everything about how to lead 3M people through a wilderness for 40 yrs • Moses had to experience many things and learn as he went along

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- God wanted His people to fully know He is their God
 - ◆ **BACK THEN** – God used unusual events, special one-of-a-kind people, miracles, answered prayer and providential circumstances
 - ◆ **NOW** – God uses His confirmed WORD, each one of us, answered prayer and providential circumstances
 - ◆ **AND IN THE END TIMES** – God will once again use more unusual events, special one-of-a-kind people, miracles, answered prayer and providential circumstances

SUPPORTING PASSAGES

- Ex 14:19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them
- Ex 23:20,21 See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared. Pay attention to him and listen to what he says. Do not rebel against him; he will not forgive your rebellion, since my Name is in him
- Deut 8:4 Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.
- Acts 7:38 [Moses] was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai...

NEXT WEEK: Exodus 19-24 – The 10 Commandments

